

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Evening

****Members are advised that the GOP Leadership has announced that votes will occur after 7:00 p.m. when the House is considering Appropriations bills, therefore the House may be voting late into the evening today.**

Suspension (1 bill)

- 1) [**H.R. 3086**](#) – Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (Rep. Goodlatte – Judiciary)

[**H.Res. 669**](#) – Rule Providing for Consideration of [**H.R. 5021**](#) – Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (Rep. Camp – Transportation and Infrastructure/Ways and Means/Science, Space, and Technology/Energy and Commerce/Education and the Workforce/Natural Resources) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter of New York to make in order an amendment offered by Mr. Blumenauer of Oregon which would have expressed that the House should authorize highway programs through FY 2020 and would have provided adequate funding for the Highway Trust Fund in order to do so. The Committee also rejected a motion by Mr. Hastings of Florida to consider the bill under an open Rule. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

[**H.R. 5021**](#) – Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (Rep. Camp – Transportation and Infrastructure/Ways and Means/Science, Space, and Technology/Energy and Commerce/Education and the Workforce/Natural Resources) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would reauthorize federal-aid highway and transit programs for eight months – through May 31, 2015 – and replenish the Highway Trust Fund’s Highway and Mass Transit Accounts, transferring \$10.8 billion from the General Fund of the Treasury and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund in order to cover the costs of ongoing infrastructure projects during the busy summer construction season.

The bill offsets the cost of these transfers to the Highway Trust Fund by adjusting the formula used to determine required employer contributions to employee defined benefit pension plans (“pension smoothing”) and extending certain customs user fees for an additional year, taking them through FY 2024.

Democrats support a solvent Highway Trust Fund that supports hundreds of thousands of American jobs repairing America’s crumbling roads and bridges. Unfortunately, this bill does not provide certainty and will not solve the problem. Instead of stopgap legislation that delays critical decisions into 2015, House Republicans should work with Democrats to bring a sustainable, long-term solution to the Floor – a solution that, the White House agrees, “creates jobs and provides certainty for cities, States, and businesses.”

Bill Text for H.R. 5021:

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Background for H.R. 5021:

[CRS Report](#) - Surface Transportation Program Reauthorization Issues for Congress

Continue Consideration of [H.R. 5016**](#) – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Crenshaw – Appropriations).** H.R. 5016 appropriates \$21.3 billion in FY 2015 discretionary budget authority for the Treasury Department (including the IRS); the federal judiciary; and executive agencies such as the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), General Services Administration (GSA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Securities and Exchange

Commission (SEC) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) – a decrease of approximately \$566 million (3%) from FY 2014, and \$2.3 billion below the President's request.

The measure contains deep cuts to a number of critical programs – including a cut to the IRS of over \$340 million below current funding levels – which would force the IRS to operate with as many as 9,500 fewer employees. The IRS estimates this would lead to as much as \$2 billion in uncollected tax revenue. The bill also funds the SEC at \$300 million below the President's request – specifically aimed at hindering the enforcement and further implementation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. The bill would also eliminate all funding for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

In addition to severe cuts, the measure contains a number of controversial policy riders, including provisions preventing the implementation of the Affordable Care Act's individual responsibility and reproductive services coverage. The measure would require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to become subject to the annual appropriations process. It would also amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act's "push-out provision," expanding the permissible types of swap activities that can be conducted directly by insured financial institutions without losing their access to federal assistance.

Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on the \$1.014 trillion discretionary spending cap and the 302(a) discretionary allocations agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. By setting the Appropriations Committee's allocation in-line with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, House Republicans were able to begin the appropriations process early. However, House Republicans have chosen to focus on inserting controversial policy riders into several appropriations bills, slowing down the process and jeopardizing enactment of all twelve appropriations bills before the start of the 2015 fiscal year.

The Rule, which was adopted last week, provides for no further general debate and makes in order any amendment offered that complies with the House Rules. Additionally, the Rule provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent and up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

As of last night, the House had completed reading through all titles of the bill. The House will begin debating amendments at the end of the bill today.

The following amendments had recorded votes pending as of last night:

- **Jackson-Lee Amendment**
- **Roskam Amendment**
- **Moore Amendment**
- **Waters Amendment**

Bill Text for H.R. 5016:

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Background for H.R. 5016:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, July 16: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 5016 – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Crenshaw – Appropriations). The House is also expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 4719](#) – Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014 (Rep. Reed – Ways and Means) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) is coming under pressure to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank from his own backyard. GE Aviation, a subsidiary of General Electric (GE), has a plant in Evendale, Ohio, that benefits from Ex-Im's financial assistance for aircraft production around the world. Many of GE Aviation's 9,000 employees in southwest Ohio live in Boehner's district... [GE Aviation Spokesman, Rick] Kennedy said the company has 'reached out to all of the Ohio delegation' urging reauthorization. GE Aviation is the largest exporter in Ohio, with more than half the firm's \$22 billion in 2013 revenues derived from international sales, Kennedy said. 'The bank was an important facilitator,' Kennedy said. 'Everyone in the Ohio delegation is intimately aware of our position.' Boehner has always supported the bank, but it has become a cause célèbre for conservatives who are looking to kill it... Supporters argue that the 80-year-old bank sustains U.S. jobs, and helps American companies secure financing in international markets in order to stay competitive with China. Though he has supported it in the past, Boehner has been tight-lipped this go-around about his position on the bank..."

- The Hill, 7/15/2014